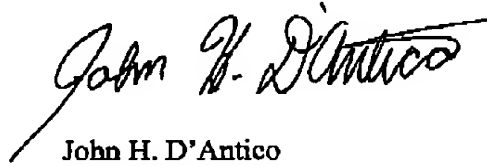


PATENT RESPONSE

EXTENSION OF TIME

The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply. Applicant does not believe this Response requires an extension of time. However, Applicant hereby requests a conditional petition in case Applicant inadvertently overlooked the need to petition for an extension of time, in which case Applicant further requests that any and all applicable charges be charged to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 232,053. Applicant intends this authorization to be carried throughout the pendency of this Application, in full accordance with 37 CFR 1.136.

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